



February 21, 2006

Dear VVFC Provider,

The Virginia Vaccines For Children (VVFC) program is now accepting advanced orders for influenza vaccine for the upcoming 2006-07 influenza season on the enclosed VVFC Influenza Vaccine Advanced Order Form 2006-07. **All advanced influenza vaccine orders must be received by VVFC no later than 5:00 PM, Friday, April 14, 2006.**

VVFC supplies influenza vaccine only for those patients who meet the eligibility requirements listed on the order form. Please use these requirements, the dosage schedule below, and last season's demand for influenza vaccine to help estimate your need for the upcoming season. Complete the "Doses Requested" column for influenza vaccine at the bottom of the order form. We request that facilities submit one order form for each facility/ PIN for the entire 2006-07 season.

Age Group	Dosage	Number of Doses	Vaccine Type	TIV Administration	LAIV Administration
6-35 months	0.25 mL	1 or 2*	≤ TIV only	≤ IM with a 22-25 g. needle	N/A
36 months-8 years	0.50 mL	1 or 2*	≤ TIV ≤ LAIV starting at age 5 years for healthy patients	≤ 7/8-1" needle for ages 6-11 months ≤ 1" needle for older children	.25 mL is sprayed into each nostril for total of 0.5 mL dose
≤9 years	0.50 mL	1	≤ TIV ≤ LAIV for healthy patients		

** Children aged ≤8 years who are receiving any type of influenza vaccine for the first time ever should receive 2 doses separated by at least 4 weeks for trivalent, inactivated influenza vaccine (TIV) and 6 weeks for the live, attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV).*

VVFC is again offering a choice of influenza vaccines: trivalent, inactivated influenza vaccine (TIV) or Fluzone from sanofi pasteur and live, attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV) or FluMist from MedImmune. Fluzone will be shipped by GIV, while FluMist will be shipped directly by the manufacturer and must be kept frozen. If your practice does not submit an order by April 14, the VVFC program cannot guarantee that you will receive the dose amount or types of influenza vaccine requested. All influenza vaccine orders are subject to VVFC approval. Influenza vaccine shipments will begin in October 2006.

Updated Vaccine Information Statements (VIS) for the 2006-07 influenza season will be mailed to providers in August, along with any updates concerning use of a tiered schedule for administration of influenza vaccine as mandated by CDC. Please also check the CDC website for updates: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/>. VVFC's influenza order form will be available online: <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/imm/forms.asp>.

If you have any questions, please contact any VVFC staff member at 1-800-568-1929. Thank you for your continued participation in VVFC!

Sincerely,

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